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"James Cameron's Expedition Bismarck: A Participant's Perspective"

**Thursday, March 3, 2005
3:30 p.m.**

**Mershon Center for International Security Studies
1501 Neil Avenue
Room 120**

Please RSVP to [Ann Powers](#) to reserve your spot.

Dr. Holger Herwig holds a dual position at the University of Calgary as Professor of History and as Canada Research Chair in the Centre for Military and Strategic Studies. He received his BA (1965) from the University of British Columbia and his MA (1967) and Ph.D. (1971) from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Dr. Herwig has published more than a dozen books; his works have been translated into Chinese, Czech, German, Polish, and Spanish. He has written the prize winning *The First World War: Germany and Austria-Hungary 1914-1918*. His published book *World History of Warfare* was written in cooperation with Christon Archer, John Ferris and Tim Travers. He has also coauthored with Dr. David Bercuson *The Battle of the Atlantic*, which was on the *Maclean's* Bestseller list for several weeks; as well as *The Destruction of the Bismarck*, published in the fall of 2001. *The Destruction of the Bismarck* had attracted the attention of filmmaker James Cameron. Dr. Bercuson and Dr. Herwig provided historical expertise to James Cameron in the development of a film on the Bismarck which was released in Winter 2002 on the Discovery Channel. Dr. Herwig has teamed with Dr. Bercuson for three History Television projects: *Deadly Seas* (Screenlife 1998), *Murder in Normandy* (Paperny Films, 1999), and *Forced March to Freedom* (Paperny Films, 2001). Dr. Herwig's newest book, co-authored with Dr. David Bercuson, is *A Christmas in Washington: Churchill, Roosevelt and the making of the Grand Alliance* which will be published in the fall of 2005.

Dr. Herwig taught at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, from 1971 until 1989. He served as Head of the Department of History at Calgary from 1991 until 1996. He was a Visiting Professor of Strategy at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island in 1985-86, and the Andrea and Charles Bronfman Distinguished Visiting Professor of Judaic Studies at The College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia in 1998. A Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in Bonn, Germany, he has held major research grants from the Humboldt Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, NATO, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.